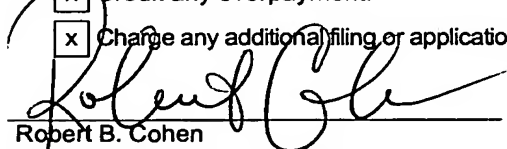
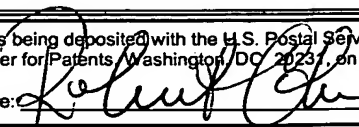




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[0001] The present application is a continuation-in-part of International Application No. PCT/JP01/03417 which was published in Japanese on November 1, 2001, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.